

CITY OF LAKE FOREST *California*



FEBRUARY NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Village Pond Park Improvement Project Update

The renovation of Village Pond Park is a City initiative to improve health and safety concerns that have arisen from overpopulation and public feeding of waterfowl at the park. After a series of community workshops, the [final design](#) will feature new and improved amenities that will make the park an enjoyable place to be. Planned improvements include a butterfly garden, a floating island, geyser fountains, and picnic tables and benches. At this stage, a bid opening is scheduled on Tuesday, February 14, followed by award of a construction contract shortly after.

In addition, recent rain events have caused the pond to overflow at Village Pond Park. Since Federal and State water quality laws prohibit the pond water from being discharged into the City's storm drain system, the City will continue to monitor the water level while it subsides naturally in the coming weeks. In addition, signs are posted throughout the park advising the public that the sidewalk is temporarily closed. To stay informed about the project's progress, visit the Village Pond Park's [webpage](#) for your one-stop-shop to recent news, project plans, reports, timeline, and answers to Frequently Asked Questions. Or, subscribe directly to our mailing list below.

**Subscribe to the Village Pond Park
Improvement Project Mailing List**

Community Input Wanted as City Prepares to Renovate 10 Neighborhood

Parks and Discuss Plans for Whispering Hills

As part of a comprehensive park improvement project, 10 neighborhood parks are slated for improvement. Community members have two more opportunities to share their thoughts and opinions regarding desired improvements for park amenities and facilities at the following community workshops:

Workshop #3 (Focus: Peachwood Park and Rancho Serrano Park)
Saturday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m.
Rancho Serrano Park (20842 Paseo Sombra)



Workshop #4 (Focus: Borrego Overlook Park and Regency Park)
Saturday, February 25 at 10:00 a.m.
Regency Park (Regency Lane and Osterman Road)

In addition, a separate workshop will be held on Saturday, March 4 at the Sports Park and Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Parkway) to discuss proposed park uses at the Whispering Hills undeveloped site located at the intersection of Lake Forest Drive and Dimension Drive. If you are unable to attend any of the meetings, we encourage you to take a brief [online survey](#) before March 6.

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Spring Program Registration

Spring has sprung and so has signing up for your favorite camps, classes, and programs found in the spring edition of the [Leisure Times](#). Registration is currently open for residents and will open at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 15 for non-residents.



Sign up for Nextdoor - Your Virtual Neighborhood Spot for Safety and Crime Prevention Messages

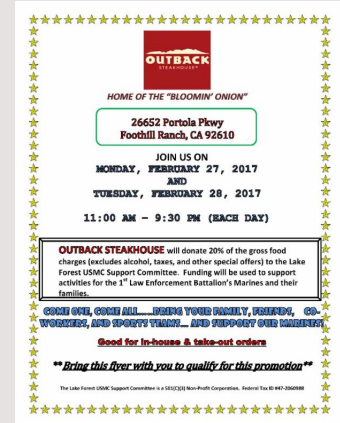
Lake Forest Police Services invites you to join Nextdoor, a social media platform used to provide safety and crime prevention tips, crime trends, crime rates, neighborhood watch information, and more! Register at [Nextdoor.com](#) and connect with us and your neighbors to stay informed about safety matters.

 **Nextdoor**

Two Ways to Support the Lake Forest Adopted Marines

The Support Committee is back this month with opportunities to support the Lake Forest U.S.M.C 1st Law Enforcement Battalion. Here is how you can help:

- [Bring this flyer](#) to Outback Steakhouse (26652 Portola Pkwy., Foothill Ranch) on Monday, February 27 or Tuesday, February 28, and 20% of all food charges will go to support the Marines and their families.
- Help support the "Barracks Bash" initiative and donate funds towards a catered pasta dinner for over 150 Marines who have completed their training exercises.



Click for More Info or to Donate

County-Recorder's Offices Extend Hours for Marriage Services on Valentine's Day

The County-Recorder's office in Laguna Hills, Fullerton, and Santa Ana has extended their business hours for couples looking to tie the knot on Valentine's Day. Offices will remain open until 5:30 p.m. for marriage ceremonies and marriage licenses. The Westminster office will only issue marriage licenses and will close at 4:30 p.m. Couples are encouraged to make an appointment for civil marriage ceremonies and complete a marriage license application on the OC Recorder's [website](#). Marriage license fees are \$61 and a confidential marriage license fee is \$66. A civil marriage ceremony can be performed for an additional \$28. For more information, contact (714) 834-2500.



State of the City and Meet the Mayor

Wednesday, February 22

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mercedes Benz of Foothill Ranch (81 Auto Center Drive)

Fee: \$25 for Chamber Members and \$30 for Non-Chamber Members

The Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce and the City are co-hosting the annual State of the City and Meet the Mayor event where attendees will receive updates on the City's major development projects, as well as information on business resources. Register below to enjoy a night of information, a catered dinner, live music, prizes, and networking opportunities!



Annual Excellence for Senior Awards Call for Nominations

Deadline: Thursday, February 23 by 5:00 p.m.

The City is accepting nominations for Lake Forest seniors that have made a positive impact on City senior programs or facilities during 2016. For an application and rules, visit

lakeforestca.gov/seniors.

Take the Burglar's Dream House Challenge for a Chance to Win a Skybell Video Doorbell

Deadline: Tuesday, February 28

Can you identify the 13 problems with this home? Take the challenge and submit your answers [online](#) for a chance to win a SkyBell HD Wi-Fi Video Doorbell, a window/door alarm, or a simulated camera to help secure your home! Winners will be notified on Friday, March 3. Read more at lakeforestca.gov/DontMakeItEasy.



Take the Home Security Checklist Challenge for a Chance to Win a Samsung Multi-Purpose Sensor

Deadline: Tuesday, March 7

Increase your home safety and security awareness by taking a brief [Home Security Checklist Challenge](#). Each participant will be entered into a random drawing for a chance to win a multi-purpose safety alarm sensor, or iPad book covers! Winners will be notified on Thursday, March 9. Read more at lakeforestca.gov/DontMakeItEasy.

Sportswriter Contest

Deadline: Monday, May 22, 2017

If you have a passion for a sport, here's your chance to share it with the community. In 300 words or less, submit an article to chon@lakeforestca.gov about any sports-related topic. From writing about a popular sport, to describing plays, mind blowing games, the atmosphere, fans, or any other sports angle, there's plenty to write about! Selected winners will have their articles featured in The Leaflet magazine and win sports-related goodies!



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The public session starts at 7:00 p.m. Full agendas and City Council Previews providing an overview of each agenda item can be accessed [here](#).

- Tuesday, February 21, 2017

- Tuesday, March 7, 2017
- Tuesday, March 21, 2017
- Tuesday, April 4, 2017

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY 2017

To Register: Visit [Lake Forest Recreation](#), mail or hand-deliver the Lake Forest Activities Registration Form to City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive) or to the Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Parkway). For more information, call 461-3450 or 273-6960.

Teen Excursion to Knott's Berry Farm

Friday, February 17

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

Fee: \$45 Resident and \$50 Non-Resident

Come experience an exciting day at Knott's Berry Farm as teens experience roller coasters such as Ghost Rider, Supreme Scream, and Xcelerator! This chaperoned trip will include admission to theme park and transportation. [Sign up](#) today!



South County Pet Expo and Dog-a-Palooza

Saturday, February 18

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sports Park and Recreation Center - "The Commons" Area (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

In partnership with the Orange County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, the Pet Adoption Center of Orange County, and Mount of Olives Church, Mission Viejo, the City is hosting a South County Pet Expo and Dog-a-Palooza. The event is free to attend and will feature:

- Special guest, W. Bruce Cameron, author of bestselling book and new movie "A Dog's Purpose."
- Mount of Olives Church will do a "Blessings of the Animals" for all pets at 1:00 p.m.
- A Dog-a-Palooza parade.
- Over 20 rescue groups with adoptable pets.
- Canine demonstrations.
- Pet products and services.
- Food trucks, music, and fun for families and pets.



Senior Golf Days

February 23 - March 30; Tuesdays or Thursdays only

7:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Tee Time

Lake Forest Golf and Practice Center (23308 Cherry Ave.)

Fee: Residents \$66 and Non-Residents \$84

Outdoor Exploration is providing seniors an opportunity to enjoy tee time at Lake Forest Golf and Practice Center. This program includes six outings of nine holes of golf, warm-up balls, snacks, and a weekly putting contest. Register with Angela Kelly at (949) 632-0300.



Seniors Rock Around the Clock 50s Sock Hop Party

Friday, February 24

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Lake Forest Community Center (25550 Commercentre Dr.)

Fee: \$10

Take a stroll down memory lane and bust a groove to the tunes of Pat Boone, Elvis Presley, Bill Haley and more! Enjoy a catered dinner, prizes, and dancing while wearing your most 50s inspired attire. Space is limited so [reserve your spot](#) today!

"Last Fridays" Lounge Nights

Friday, February 24

6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Location: Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

Fee: \$5 per person pre-registered and \$7 per person at the door

Give your parents the night off and enjoy good times with friends. There will be video games, dinner and snacks, movie screenings, music, activities, prize raffles, and surprise guest entertainers! Grab your friends and pre-register to receive a discount.

Paramount Pictures Studio Tour & Lunch at Clifton's Cafeteria - Hollywood

Tuesday, February 28

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Lake Forest Community Center (25550 Commercentre Dr.)

Fee: \$75 per person

Bask in the history of Paramount Pictures past and current achievements in an intimate studio tour through one of Hollywood's most storied production houses. Visit iconic locations such as the Bronson Gate, New York Street Backlot, and the Prop Warehouse.

Next, have lunch at the legendary Clifton's Cafeteria restored to its original beauty. **Lunch is not included in the excursion fee.**



College Workshop: Selective College Admissions

Thursday, March 2

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

Fee: \$25 Resident and \$30 Non-Resident

Learn the key factors, including top strengths and experiences, desired by Elite colleges. In addition, learn strategies in building your ideal balanced college list, as well as review case studies and targeted approaches to essay building. **Parents are free with paid students and are encouraged to attend.**



CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January 3, 2017

[CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL'S RULES OF DECORUM AND PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY \(Agenda Item No. 7\)](#)

To facilitate productive public meetings, the City Council adopted Rules of Decorum and a Public Comment Policy, setting guidelines for members of the public who want to address the City Council during those meetings. Specifically, residents were given three minutes to speak before the Council, after which a buzzer sounded and the microphone turned off. After considering public input, the Council amended the rules to allow residents additional time at the conclusion of their comments in order to adequately sum up their thoughts.

[CONSIDERATION OF APPLICANT'S TO THE LAKE FOREST PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION \(Agenda Item No. 9\)](#)

The City Council interviewed four members of the public after which the Council selected Commissioner Victor Scherr for reappointment to a second, four year term; and new Commissioner Lisa Porter was appointed to her first, four year term.

[2017 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM \(Agenda Item No. 10\)](#)

The legislative platform provides the foundation for the City's legislative advocacy efforts for the upcoming State legislative session. The City Council approved the policy document, with emphasis on retention of local land use and regulatory control, addressing the public safety impacts of reduced sentencing laws and the recent adoption of the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (Prop 64), and increasing funding for critical transportation and water infrastructure projects.

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January 17, 2017

[CONSIDERATION OF APPLICANT'S TO THE LAKE FOREST PARKS AND PLANNING COMMISSION \(Agenda Item No. 13\)](#)

Following each municipal election, the City Council appoints members of the public to serve on the Planning Commission. This year, the full, four-year terms of two Commissioners were up for renewal. In addition, the resignation Jerry Verplancke created a special vacancy for a two-year term. After Council interviews, Commissioner Jolene Fuentes, Commissioner Mark Armando, and

resident David Carter were appointed to the Commission. Following selection of the Commissioners, the City Clerk drew names to determine the length of each term. Commissioners Fuentes and Carter were selected to serve the full, four-year terms, while Commissioner Mark Armando was selected to serve the two-year term.

[PROPOSED REDUCTIONS TO DOG LICENSING FEES \(Agenda Item No. 14\)](#)

The City's agreement with Orange County Animal Care allows the City and the County to agree to individualized service levels and allows the City to determine the licensing fees collected for animal services. The City Council voted to lower the cost of license fees for altered dogs (spayed or neutered) from \$27 to \$20 per year. Additionally, the Council voted to provide a 50% licensing discount for senior residents, reducing those fees to \$10 per year. The new license rates go into effect on March 1, 2017. The Council also directed staff to discuss with Orange County Animal Care the future option of having multi-year licenses as a convenience to residents.

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Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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